

HONORING INVESTIGATOR
FRANCESCO Z. McBRIDE

HON. ROBERT A. BRADY

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Investigator Francesco Z. McBride, a constituent of my district, who has been chosen to receive the distinguished honor of the Amtrak Police Department's Officer of the Year for 2012 for his numerous and significant contributions to the department.

A resident of Sharon Hill, Investigator McBride joined the Amtrak Police Department (APD) in 2001 initially as an Officer, and is now an Investigator in Amtrak's Mid-Atlantic Division. He is a member of the APD Pipe and Drum Unit.

Investigator McBride's exemplary service has resulted in arrests in cases that have a combined monetary value of approximately \$325,000. These cases include copper wire theft in Baltimore that has resulted in damage and serious disruptions to train operations; recovering Amtrak-owned tools and equipment from burglar's barn; and tracking down the culprits of the theft of copper materials in Philadelphia. These are just a few examples of Investigator McBride's invaluable work that has earned him the distinction of Amtrak Police Officer of the Year.

I ask that you and my other distinguished colleagues help me in honoring the Officer of the Year, Investigator McBride, for his admirable work with Amtrak.

COMMENDING THE ANTHONY
TELESCA FOUNDATION

HON. GUS M. BILIRAKIS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend the Anthony Telesca Foundation for selflessly working to improve the safety of communities in Florida by promoting safe driving habits to Florida's teenagers. The organization helps to educate and encourage teenagers to drive safely by hosting safety awareness functions with local high schools and law enforcement officials.

In December 2002, 16-year-old Anthony Joseph Telesca passed away as the result of a reckless driving incident. As a result of this unfortunate and tragic incident, the Anthony Telesca Foundation was created to work with local high school and law enforcement officials to increase driver safety awareness among teenagers. The Foundation also provides scholarships and philanthropic support in order to meet its mission of preventing reckless teenage driving and driving accidents, injuries, and fatalities.

Among other activities, the Foundation has hosted events with the Pinellas County Sheriff's Office and high schools in northern Pinellas County, Florida, which I represent, to reward teenagers who have been observed practicing safe driving habits. Educating and rewarding teenagers to drive safe has helped to prevent needless motor accidents from occurring.

Mr. Speaker, in the decade since the unfortunate passing of Anthony Telesca, the foundation that was established in his honor has represented the best of the human spirit, and the organization has become a shining example of how to turn an unfortunate tragedy into something meaningful. The Anthony Telesca Foundation's humanitarian efforts and successes exemplify the strength and compassion within people, and I commend them for their contributions.

JOEY ROOT

HON. ED PERLMUTTER

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize and applaud Joey Root for receiving the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. Joey Root is a 12th grader at Warren Tech North and received this award because his determination and hard work have allowed him to overcome adversities.

The dedication demonstrated by Joey Root is exemplary of the type of achievement that can be attained with hard work and perseverance. It is essential students at all levels strive to make the most of their education and develop a work ethic which will guide them for the rest of their lives.

I extend my deepest congratulations to Joey Root for winning the Arvada Wheat Ridge Service Ambassadors for Youth award. I have no doubt he will exhibit the same dedication and character in all of his future accomplishments.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM

OF NEW MEXICO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Ms. MICHELLE LUJAN GRISHAM of New Mexico. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained and so I missed rollcall vote No. 90 "to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to facilitate the development of hydroelectric power on the Diamond Fork System of the Central Utah Project" (H.R. 254). Had I been present, I would have voted "yes".

RESOLUTION ON APRIL AS
PARKINSON'S DISEASE MONTH

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mrs. CAROLYN B. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, along with my fellow co-chairs of the Congressional Caucus on Parkinson's Disease, Reps. Peter King and Chris Van Hollen, today I am introducing a resolution designating April as Parkinson's Awareness Month. As co-chairs of the Caucus we have worked to bring attention to the second most common neurological disease in the United States. This chronic, progressive neurological disease de-

bilitates those living with Parkinson's and affects their families, as well. In the U.S. there are an estimated 500,000 to 1.5 million people with Parkinson's disease, with some predictions showing the prevalence will more than double by 2040.

Currently, there is no therapy or drug to slow its progression and a cure has yet to be found. This resolution supports continued education and research to find more effective treatments and eventually a cure. It also applauds the dedicated organizations, volunteers, medical researchers, and millions of Americans working to improve the quality of life of persons living with Parkinson's disease and their families.

As the loved one of someone afflicted by Parkinson's disease, I witnessed personally the effect of Parkinson's disease on my father. As a result, I know firsthand that we must provide support to the loved ones, caregivers and researchers attempting to improve the welfare of those living with Parkinson's. I urge my colleagues to support this resolution.

HONORING TAIWAN

HON. LUKE MESSER

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, April 10, 2013

Mr. MESSER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the Taiwan Relations Act (TRA). On April 10th, the United States and the Republic of China, more commonly referred to as Taiwan, will celebrate the 34th anniversary of the TRA, which is the premier law that governs U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relations. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed the TRA into law and since that time it has been the cornerstone to maintaining peace, security, and stability in the Western Pacific. The TRA has held up well for over 34 years and is an important reminder of the strong alliance between our two sides.

All facets of the U.S.-Taiwan bilateral relationship—cultural, economic, and strategic—have expanded and grown stronger since the signing into law of the TRA. Taiwan is the United States' 10th largest trading partner. Taiwan is the seventh largest export market for U.S. agriculture. Since 1998, Taiwan has purchased over \$5.5 billion dollars in corn and \$4 billion in soybeans from the United States. For my home state of Indiana, Taiwan is one of its top export markets in Asia. Recently, Taiwan signed a multi-million dollar agreement with the State of Indiana for the purchase of corn and soybeans for the years 2012 and 2013. Without a doubt, Hoosier farmers and my state's economy have benefitted greatly from trade agreements with Taiwan.

As a new member of the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific and the Congressional Taiwan Caucus, I have had the pleasure to meet with Ambassador Pu-tsung King, Taiwan's Representative serving in Washington, DC. We discussed the unique circumstances that define our two countries' relations. I look forward to working with Ambassador King on additional initiatives that could benefit the people of Indiana and Taiwan.

I was pleased to learn from Ambassador King of the many steps Taiwan has taken to reduce tensions with China, their neighbors along the Taiwan Strait. Although Taiwan and